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FBNews' Betty Olsen Dies After Brief Illness

The *Foggy Bottom News*' own Betty Olsen died on January 14 following a stroke suffered on Saturday, January 6, and a second stroke on January 12. She was 63 years old and lived at the Claridge House on 25th Street. Her daughter, Kirsten, also lives in the area, at the Swarthmore.

Betty has been a major contributor to the success of the *News*, acting as advertising manager, writing two delightful and newsy columns, and other articles as well. The Sidewalk Talk column related news about FB residents, their travels, honors, joys and sadnesses, and contributed mightily to the paper's aim of keeping neighborhood feeling in Foggy Bottom/West End. The other column, Biz Buzz, centered on advertisers and other non-residents who are a part of the community. Both are often mentioned as the favorite parts of the paper.

Her many years as advertising manager have contributed to keep-
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FBA and GWU Debate Health and Wellness Center

During November and December GWU, the FBA and the ANC exchanged letters concerning the proposed Health & Wellness Center being planned by the University. The letter from GWU, dated November 7, reiterated points made by Dr. Al Ingle during his appearance at the October FBA meeting. Dr. Ingle stated that GWU had made major revisions in the proposal both before and following the BZA's turndown of the original proposal.

He also stated that the University is "seeking the concurrence and endorsement" of the Center's neighbors.

Ingle stated that "through a process of listening and compromise we have substantially revised our proposal in response to constructive suggestions made by the surrounding neighbors. The new proposal, in fact, in many ways is a much better proposal and a reflection of your ideas. Some of the revisions include the following:

1. GW has recommended an alley closing process to privatize the existing alley system adjacent to the proposed center with ownership by the St. Mary's Episcopal Church. GW would bear cost to convert and maintain the alley. This would add protected open space and provide more off street parking for St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Lighting improvements consistent with the GW Campus Amenities plan would create a safer pedestrian environment as well.
2. Design studies were undertaken to make the project more sympathetic with the character of the architecture of Charles

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New Welcome Proposal For the Cooper Houses

By Maria Tyler, Commissioner ANC-2A03

Residents coming to Foggy Bottom within the last 10 years will have noticed the two derelict buildings behind a chain link fence at 2521 and 2523 K Street, next to the Potowmac Overlook, and may have wondered about this eyesore. These two buildings are in fact the oldest remaining in Foggy

Bottom, with the eastern one more than 150 years and the other almost 130 years old.

A new owner decided to respect the scale of the historic houses and to develop the site with townhouses. He contacted me early on about the proposal, enabling others in the community to be informed and respond

in a favorable way. The end result is that the community, ANC-2A and the FBA all backed the project and approval by the Historic Preservation Review Board of the conceptual design was secured without delay. There are still a number of formalities yet, but the owner is anxious to proceed as quickly as possible.

Houses Have A Long History

Until about 1980, they were continuously inhabited and in excellent repair. Their architecture made them distinguished enough to be listed as landmarks

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FBA Establishes "Betty Fund"

The "Betty Fund" has been set up by the Foggy Bottom Association to receive contributions in memory of Betty Olsen. The fund was established in consultation with her daughter Kirsten, in an effort to allow her and the family time to make decisions on a use for the contributions.

Contributions may be directed to the Foggy Bottom Association, marked for the Betty Fund, to FBA President Ellie Becker, 2528 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

At the January FBA Meeting

The main speaker at the January 29 FBA meeting will be Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. Also speaking will be David Anderson, Archivist at the Gelman Library, discussing the library's coming exhibit on the history of Foggy Bottom.

Please Note Change In Meeting Location

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

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Jack Evans

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(Next Meeting: Monday, February 26)



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George B. Madill
Director,
Foggy Bottom Food Pantry
Diana Ley
Senior Pastor

Ed. Note: The Food Pantry is also supported by St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church.

FBN Hears From A Former Resident

I appreciated the 3 *Foggy Bottom News* issues; I read all. It tells me things the *Washington Post* does not report, especially "Becker Beat" re Mayor Barry's "Green Paper." Our local library gets the *Washington Post* every day. I read it to keep up with the Federal Diary.

I went to many FBA meetings at St. Paul's, usually alone — no one from the Savoy where I resided went along. I placed the *FBN* on tables on every floor. And the paper is 37 years old!

Rose Marie Hiza
Fairfield, Conn.

Any reader who wishes to write the *News* with remembrances of Betty Olsen is most welcome to do so. We hope to publish next month some of the tributes, comments and vignettes heard at the memorial service held January 17.

St. Mary's Celebrates Homecoming

Some of the early history of Foggy Bottom was relived at St. Mary's Church in October with the celebration of Home Coming Sunday. On that occasion members of the former church congregations that have since moved to other locations as a result of the development in Foggy Bottom, came together for services and a communal dinner. The speaker was Dr. Gail Lowe, a historian at the Anacostia Museum, who credited St. Mary's for being "a constant in a frenzy of change" over the years when four other churches left the area. Among those present were members of Liberty Baptist Church, formerly on 23rd and I Streets (now part of the GWU gymnasium), and Gethsemane Baptist, formerly at 22nd Street and Virginia Avenue, N.W.

Mrs. Mary Brown who lived at 2623 Virginia Avenue till 1951 reminisced of life in Foggy Bottom. She remembered Marjorie Hendricks' Watergate Inn, and the Briggs-Montgomery School at 22nd and Virginia Ave. Mrs. Juanita Edwards related that she was born on F and 22nd Sts. and lived there until the house was demolished to build the Smith Center; and Mrs. Sarah Honesty was born and resided many years at 316-1/2 22nd St. (now the site of the State Department).



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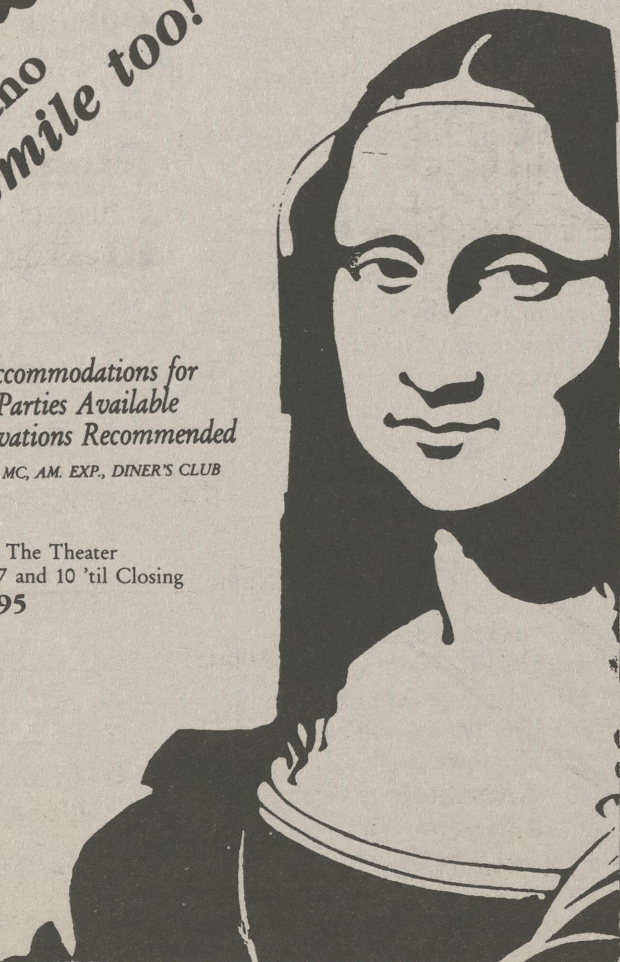
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Cooper continued from p. 1 in the National Register of Historic Buildings as distinctive examples of vernacular architecture. In particular, 2521, with its once beautiful side veranda, was a house reflecting the southern heritage imported by architects into Washington. They acquired the name "Cooper Houses" because they became owned by the Cooper family. Mrs. Emily Cooper lived in one from her childhood, while her sister lived in the other. With Emily Cooper's support, The Foggy Bottom Association and ANC-2A initiated an application for historic landmark status for the Cooper Houses, and they were declared historic landmark buildings in 1984. However, when Emily Cooper died, the houses fell upon hard times. They became the subject of speculation. Uninhabited, they suffered from a number of suspicious fires. They were used illegally by squatters. Their physical condition deteriorated.

In the second half of the 1980s, a developer persuaded the authorities to approve a project that incorporated the houses, but overwhelmed them with a structure (including penthouse) over 120 feet high. At that height the development not only towered over the Cooper

Houses but also over the whole surrounding neighborhood.

Three residents, Dorothy Ohliger, Geoffrey Tyler and I appealed the Board of Zoning Adjustment's approval in the D.C. Court of Appeals. The Foggy Bottom Association and many residents generously supported the fund-raising to cover the legal costs. The appeal was won and that development did not take place. The developer later went bankrupt, as did the lending bank, and the property came into the hands of the now well-known Resolution Trust Corporation, which sold the property as part of a package to the present owner, a limited partnership.

Six Townhouses Comprise Design

The new proposal, designed by a well-known Washington architect specializing in historic preservation, Mr. Dudley Can-

nada, uses the Cooper Houses as two of six individual townhouses. A third fills in the space between the Cooper Houses, with their entrances by way of an interior courtyard. The design is innovative and includes the retention and renovation of most of the exterior of the Cooper Houses, including the veranda. There will be parking for each unit.

The design, with a maximum height above street level of 40 feet, will not dwarf the Cooper Houses. In fact from the street they will look like the individual houses they were. The developer and his architect worked closely with the staff of the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. Nearby condominiums passed timely resolutions (or gave less formal decisions) approving the proposal. Jenny Brake of the Bader, Joe Page and Jon Nowick of the

Potowmac Overlook, and Alexandra Blackhurst of the Swarthmore were in the forefront in supporting the proposal.

There is now the prospect that these two historic residential houses will be saved and become the assets to Foggy Bottom that they should be, as a reminder of our past. Four additional invit-

ing townhouses would provide attractive residences in this location. There have been times when many of us have despaired of such an outcome, and we cannot forget that on some other occasions desirable projects have collapsed. Let us hope that this attractive project will be consummated.

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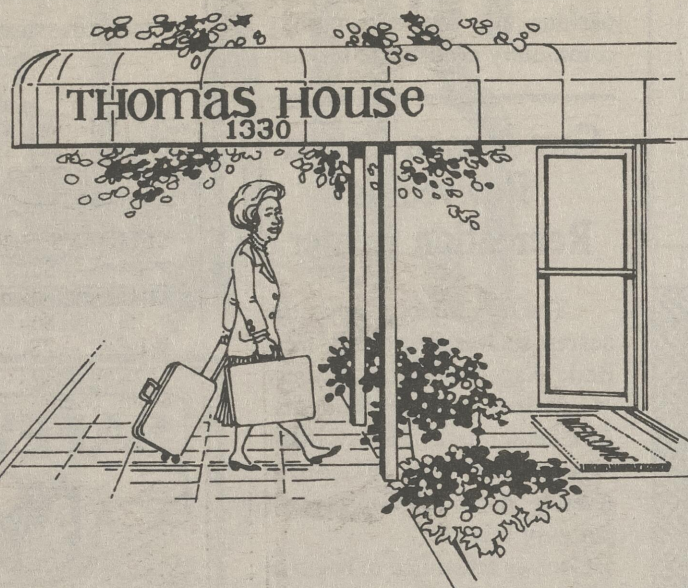
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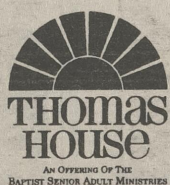
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- 1/24 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on new "CR" license for Brasil Sol o Mar at 2519 Penn. Avenue and new "CT" (tavern) license for West End Bar & Grill at 2524 L (formerly Casey's)

Betty, continued from page 1

ing the paper as a paying proposition, covering most of its costs. And she also made it possible to keep the residents aware of the neighborhood companies and people willing and able to serve them.

Services were held on January 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, followed by a reception at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel. Her daughter referred to the reception as a party, stating that "Betty would have insisted on a party — she loved them so."

Betty was self-employed, an excellent photographer, and residents saw her going from place to place to tend to pet-sitting appointments, stopping to talk, admiring each and every pet she encountered, and often wielding her Pik-Stik, ridding the area of litter and trash, especially on the K Street median strip. A special interest this year was the Gelman Library's exhibit on the history of Foggy Bottom, which is due to open in the very near future on the GWU campus.

Her interests were legion, her curiosity unlimited, and no available adventure was resisted. She went to every parade and special event in town, and even managed to see Cal Ripken's big day in the sun. Her photographs on the day of John Wilson's funeral were a rare piece of photojournalism, and many other photos graced the pages of the *Foggy Bottom News* over the years. Just last month the quality of her photos was evident in the pictures of Barbara Barski, Milton Carrow, Nori Uchida and her great granddaughter Charlotte.

Betty was a unique person, ever interested in and dedicated to Foggy Bottom and its people. We miss her already.

Ellie Becker

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Acquisitions, Campus Boundaries Still At Issue

A recent letter from the President of the FBA to GWU's Dr. Al Ingle again outlined the community's opinion of the Health & Wellness Center, but also reiterated several other subjects which continue to be at issue between "town and gown."

In addition to H&W, the letter restated the Association's concerns with GWU's continued policy of unrestricted real estate purchases, the slippage of campus boundaries, parking and the future of GWU's plans for 21st & H, formerly intended for a WETA headquarters. The letter, minus the portion on H&W, is reprinted here.

"21st & H. The recent proposal for the site at 21st and H should be viewed within the University's overall development plan. Adequate notice, must, of course, be given to the ANC to evaluate the proposal. More importantly, however, the community needs to have a better understanding of the University's long-term student housing plans before commenting on any new development. In particular, what sites are being seriously considered for future residence halls? Campus space is very limited and new construction for one use limits opportunities for other uses.

"Parking. The impact of parking on the surrounding community needs to be serious-

ly evaluated and appropriate plans developed to remedy deficiencies.

"Campus Boundaries. Would the University agree not to expand its existing boundaries when it submits the next Campus Plan to the BZA?

"Real Estate Acquisitions. Can the University articulate its plans for acquiring real estate outside the existing campus boundaries? We are concerned about de facto expansion of the campus boundaries. Would the University consider a moratorium on purchases of property outside the campus but within Foggy Bottom/West End through the end of the next Campus Plan cycle?

"We too in the Foggy Bottom

community wish to continue our open process of communication. You are always welcome at Foggy Bottom Association meetings and, with notice, may provide presentations whenever appropriate. However, the University must appreciate our intense desire to maintain a residential Foggy Bottom community and our willingness — and determination — to fight to preserve it. Until we arrive at some consensus on issues relating to student housing and parking, we will remain at loggerheads.

"Please accept that this letter was written with a genuine desire to work with the University. Let us know how you wish to continue the dialogue on these very important issues."

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Guy Mason Center Revived as Recreation Center

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Courses scheduled to begin in early February include art (acrylic, oil, water color and drawing, and copper enameling on metal copper, steel and silver); a special mixed media course is being offered for young people (13 and over). Also offered are classes in pottery, weaving, china painting and calligraphy.

Bridge sessions are being offered, as well as ballroom dancing, aerobics, dancercise, yoga and the Chinese Qi Gong. Another feature is a Retirees Club.

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GWU Installs New Lights at Metro Area

Officials at GWU have installed new lighting fixtures in the area adjacent to the Foggy Bottom Metro station and in front of its medical school. The new lights are more numerous (increased light fixtures and bulbs), with much higher wattage, and better placement. It is a welcome addition, as the original lights were not only inadequate but were often out,

leaving that area dark and subject to increased crime. According to Michelle Honey, GWU's Director of Architecture, Engineering and Construction, it is one of over thirty lighting upgrades GWU is undertaking or has completed on its campus.

Other Projects Being Undertaken

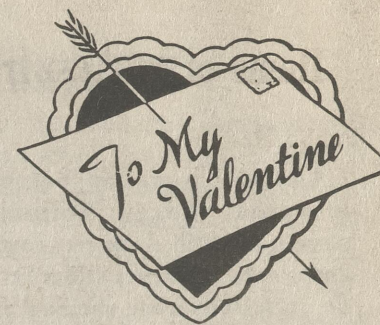
And, after requests harking back three years, there has been improvement in the appearance of the houses in the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue. For years

the student residents of this university housing have made the block a long stretch littered with trash and trash cans. Thanks to Dr. Al Ingle, receptacles have been built to camouflage both full and empty trashcans. Talk about repetition finally winning out!

According to a letter from Dr. Al Ingle, the university is undertaking other initiatives to work closely "with the University's neighbors to achieve mutually beneficial results." One project is to identify unsightly or unsafe sidewalks in the GWU/FB area

and make "necessary repairs in partnership with the city." Another project is a "graffiti patrol" to remove graffiti on buildings in the area which the patrol finds or which is reported by residents. (To report graffiti, call 994-6701.)

A third project, as reported by Ingle, who is GWU Associate Vice President, Business Affairs, is described in his letter. "Parcels of land, designated as District and National Park land, which are improperly used, have been identified, and the University is approaching the District and federal agencies in order to control these properties, ensuring their maintenance and safety." Ingle, at the October 30 FBA meeting, promised to have University personnel regularly visit the parks on Virginia Avenue to clean up the refuse left by the inhabitants of the encampments at that location. That is welcome word.



Save Those Receipts

Safeway and Giant again offered to local schools various kinds of equipment in exchange for store receipts. If you do not have a school you are saving them for, please save them and bring to any FBA meeting. Save Giant receipts through March 2; Safeway's program has ended. Check your apartment building; there may be a green box in the lobby to collect the receipts. They will benefit Stevens Elementary School, Francis Junior High and the School Without Walls High School.

Neighborhood Datebook

Tuesday, January 16: Opening, Exhibition by Alfredo Arreguin, Mexican artist who paints the natural world, including birds, animals, butterflies, trees, and flowering plants, using a rainforest motif. **Through March 26.** National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Monday, January 29: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans as main speaker. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 4: Concert of "Music from St. Petersburg, Russia," featuring the National Musical Arts chamber music ensemble, joined by cellist Pansy Chang and St. Columba Episcopal Church's Boys Choir. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7: Citizens Advisory Council, Second District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (west of Wisconsin Avenue just north of Massachusetts Avenue). 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24: Opening, "Remembering Woodies" exhibit, containing the historical archives of Woodward & Lothrop's public relations and special events department, as well as material from a descendant of the co-founders. It recalls the 115-year tradition of Woodies as an innovator in customer service, marketing, employee relations, and civic responsibility. Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Wed.-Sat., 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. \$3 for adults; \$1.50 for seniors, students and children.

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We Had A Little Snow, Didn't We?

By Ellie Becker

As this issue is being prepared, Foggy Bottom streets are still deep in snow and slush, residents still a little stiff from what seemed a daily shoveling ritual for a week, and both sad and happy stories are being told and retold about the Blizzard of '96.

Lots of folks are tossing blame around, griping at the lack of city services, while others are coping and going out of their way to help their neighbors. Some random thoughts:

Hats off to the **Safeway** at Watergate and on L Street, which managed to stay open most of the time, and a DOUBLE, maybe TRIPLE hats off to the **truck drivers** who drove through our unplowed streets and made bread, milk, kitty litter, toilet paper, meat and produce appear and reappear for auto-less FB residents. I know it is their job, but I think it takes a special kind of person to hang in there as they must have done. Other retailers managed to open and be of service as well, but

groceries seem to be at the top of the A list.

Your editor lives in the 2500 block of I Street, which saw a succession of stuck vehicles. You have to wonder at the thought processes which resulted in a young man stuck on Tuesday (probably the day of the deepest snow), who was finally rescued by four residents who shoveled him free. When asked where he was going, he replied, "I knew I didn't have much gas, so I thought I'd better go to a gas station."!!!!

Most of the random snowtime thoughts were much more positive, as neighbors shoveled others' steps and walks, lent shovels when needed, shopped for each other, and generally enjoyed a somewhat rare sight of everyone they knew out on the street at some time or another. It was fun gabbing and swapping stories, and one of my favorites came from **Tim Evans**. He recalled an earlier snow when he came out of the old Hecht Co. building to find a woman busily removing snow

from her red Volkswagen, only to find that it was not hers; her car was parked just a few yards away. Can you imagine?

Handy Handyside asked me to be sure to mention the fine job by the Plaza on 25th Street. They saw to it that the alley was plowed, and importantly the walkway along the wall, allowing a host of residents to walk with safety to the intersection of New Hampshire and Virginia Avenues and to the Watergate. We even spied **Ginny and Ralph Burr**, Plaza residents, shoveling a Plaza sidewalk the employees had not gotten to before they started for home. I know it's good exercise, but let's face it, it's a very neighborly act as well.

Edie Gaskins asked me to mention Handy's continued efforts on Eye Street, first shoveling his own walk, some of his neighbors' as well, and helping to free at least three or four stuck autos. Then, in anticipation of the thaw, he dug small troughs to allow the water to drain into the catch basins. There will be few puddles to surmount in that block.

Steve Timlin, one of the best snow blowers in town, told us about the wayward Metro bus stuck in front of his house on New Hampshire Avenue. A large Metro tow truck arrived subsequently and tried to push

the bus free, and the tow truck also got stuck. Its driver tied a cable around one of the precious double-flowering pink Japanese cherry trees in the median strip and tightened the cable to try to pull his truck back to the center of the lane. The truck didn't budge but the cable pulled the cherry tree part way over. At this point **Marjorie Wheatley**, from her apartment across the street, called to him, "You put our tree back," which Steve echoed. The Metro employees did the best they could while they awaited a second Metro tow truck to get both of them out.

With the schools to open again, the way had to be made clear at **Stevens Elementary School** on 21st Street. Building Engineer **Lloyd Stewart** and a coworker turned out on Saturday and on the Monday holiday to shovel the walk in front of the school AND the long sidewalk on the L Street side. That helped a ton of people get to their L Street destinations safely.

The local Jazzercise class, which meets Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, did not meet on the big snow Monday, but **David Villano**, the instructor, got himself in gear and took a long slow bus ride from Chevy Chase on Wednesday evening. His efforts were rewarded by a big turnout, both of regular students who live in the area and some from other Jazzercise classes in town — none of which were held. The same was true of Saturday's class, again the only one in town.

Jerry Troop was happily surprised that new clients for his fine massages came in during the snowy period, while some regulars, presumably who are not local, did not book appointments. Many of the new "snow" clients came to find solace for their sore shoveling muscles. He had earlier gotten some "rave reviews" for his services from stars of the Kennedy Center's State Fair, and they continued to come in during their snowy "dark" days.

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George McKinnon Dies at 83

By Morella Hansen

George MacKinnon, one of the founders of the *Foggy Bottom News* and its Business Manager for many years, died on December 6 at Reston Hospital Center. He had lived in Leesburg since 1986, and was buried there next to his longtime friend, Herbert Socks, an early president of the Foggy Bottom (then Restoration) Association.

During the years of his involvement with the *News*, it was a charming, person-oriented and very neighborly publication, with original artwork and stories and vignettes from every block in the Bottom. It was unique.

They lived in the 2500 block of Eye Street in a lovingly restored townhouse. After several years in a larger home on 19th Street, they retired to the Leesburg area, first to Sheba in the hills near Lucketts, and then to Leesburg, where George and Herb continued to be involved in civic causes.

Among George's avocations were gardening and anything pertaining to his Scottish ancestry. These were reflected at his memorial service at Loudon Funeral Chapel in Leesburg by gorgeous flower arrangements given by his family, his tam resting on the coffin, and by the piper, Richard S. Blair, movingly greeting mourners at the door and

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Renwick, architect of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Smithsonian. Although literal interpretations of his picturesque architecture are not planned, enriched and expressive detailing will be undertaken, especially at the two story brick base, to help make a scale relationship with the Church and townhouses on 23rd Street.

3. An additional revision was undertaken to further lessen the impact of the Health & Wellness building on St. Mary's Episcopal Church facade. Similar to the horizontal set-back at the top of the building proposed in 1994, a vertical set-back or notch has been proposed for the northeast corner of the building. Both were achieved by reducing activity program within the building.
4. Access for service to the Center has been revised. Trash removal and deliveries were relocated to occur at the basement level of the Center via driveway and ramps entered from G Street to the basement, in lieu of using the alley. This obviated the need for loading from the existing alley system off 23rd Street. The Center will be serviced by a system of carts originating from the Central Supply Building.
5. Additional sound studies have confirmed the expressed promise that insures a continuous environment inside and outside neighboring buildings just as it exists today.

In my view, the Health & Wellness Center proposal process is far from over. We will continue to seek the constructive suggestions of our neighbors and expect to adjust our proposal accordingly."

In early December, FBA President Ellie Becker, with major input by Chris Lamb, FBA Vice President, responded to Ingle's letter. In it the FBA reiterated the point often repeated by the community: the use of the site at 24th & G Streets is simply incompatible with the campus plan and therefore unacceptable. The portions of the letter on the proposed center follow:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association, we appreciate the University's new initiatives, particularly those which relate to safety and beautification. We are especially appreciative of recent efforts by students to spruce up Foggy Bottom, and your support on that project.

Greater efforts, however, should be devoted to addressing several playing at intervals, ending with a haunting melody at the gravesite. George would have approved of his send-off.

issues of central importance to the community.

Health & Wellness. The proposed site is simply incompatible with the Campus Plan which limits athletic facilities to the Smith Center and medical programs to the hospital center. While we are sympathetic to student needs, a facility whose focus is exercise, aerobics, or health should be viewed as an athletic/medical center. We suggest that the University expand the Smith Center at or over the existing adjacent parking lot.

Please understand that we were impressed with the latest design for the site next to the historic St. Mary's Church and your further efforts to lessen the impact of the building. However, our concerns relate to the use of the facility as well as architectural design. We believe that this site should be reserved for a future residence hall as described in the University's testimony before the BZA in 1986. The university talked about an honors dormitory which would be strongly endorsed by the community.

As a starting point, we would propose a compromise on the Health & Wellness Center: expand the Smith Center at its present location and commit to building an honors dormitory next to St. Mary's Church. If this compromise was accepted, a revised estimate of the expected number of students living on campus at the start of the next Campus Plan cycle could be calculated. We could then more easily come to an understanding on future student housing requirements. Discussion on other campus development could then ensue.

In response Dr. Ingle argued that "the Smith Center location, available land and building footprint do not adequately provide a sound technical base for the (H&W) development need." He also asked for any technical information we had that encouraged us to recommend that location.

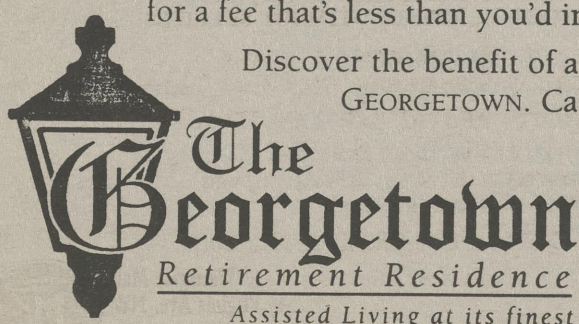
The University in recent months opened a new student fitness center within the Smith Center. Intended for students not engaged in intercollegiate sports, it contains lifecycles, rowing and weight machines.

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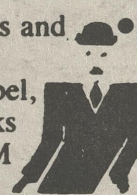
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Recipes WORTH Repeating

By Joan G. Sugarman

In February, it is a little harder to exercise in the brisk air, and a lot easier to gain weight from heavy meals. Time to return to winter vegetables and the lightness of chicken. It must be cooked so wonderfully well and be so rich, a few succulent bites are enough! How is it done? Actually, it is quite simple.

On an early Wednesday or Saturday morning, go to the Coop Women's Market in Bethesda, or wherever you can find a weighty fresh free-range chicken. (Over 4 lbs, if one is available and they usually are, early in the morning.)

The ingredients are readily available in most kitchens and place them out and ready before you go to the market. Cooking is more of an adventure that way!

Place on a small plate or tray measuring spoons, small jar of honey (any kind you have), Tabasco sauce and regular soy sauce (I often use the less salted variety on a regular basis: feel it is better, somehow!) I also keep a small brush for this chicken!

You will also need your largest pot and an empty high shelf in the refrigerator. It might also be wise now to take out your shallow aluminum roaster or, even wiser, one of the lidless, oval aluminum roasting pans from the grocery store. I first line it once more with heavy aluminum foil which I later discard. Then I place inside the pan an oval rack. Roasting a chicken in a hot oven can make a mess!

Next fill your largest pot with 3 quarts of good water and bring

to a boil over high heat. Carefully lower the cleaned chicken into its water bath so it is completely covered. Now cook that chicken using the timer for no more than a total of 10 minutes of active boiling water time! Remember you must bring the water back to a rolling boil after placing the chicken in the pot!

Carefully lift out the chicken onto a rack (or into a cleaned dish drainer) and put it in the refrigerator, either overnight or for half a day (5-6 hours). The chicken skin will be dry which makes it crisp after cooking . . . but then again, I don't eat the skin and discard that wonderful, thin stuff.

It is now COOKING TIME! Combine 1 and one-half teaspoons of honey, 1 tablespoon of soy sauce and 1/2 teaspoon of Tabasco sauce in a cup or small bowl; and brush this mixture over all the chicken. Place chicken with its breast up on the wire rack for 20 minutes. Let it become neatly browned: lower oven a bit if it is too dark or inching towards burning.

Next, turn over the chicken, and replace in oven (breast side down,) to bake an additional 30 minutes. Finally reverse it once more and cook another 10 minutes. The cooking time is one hour, total! Take out the chicken. Let it rest for ten more minutes and then it will serve six persons.

It will help to have aluminum foil on oven floor and better still, have a self-cleaning oven.

Different Uses For This Chicken:

Like smoked chicken or turkey, it is wonderful sliced thin and served in small quantities. It is full of flavorful juice and each piece is wonderful. It is better to use your soup chicken for salads and sandwiches: this is far more a gourmet delicacy. It is elegant with smoked salmon or small shrimp as an alternative brunch protein or an evening snack. I often use it with fresh vegetables and chutney and it can be eaten with fingers, depending on how it is sliced! It holds up well and is a wondrous week long meal for a single person or a gift meal!

Also there is something unusual about handling this plump little chicken in such an unexpected fashion. One almost needs a chef's hat and a flourish to present it on its small oval plate to those waiting fork-holding guests!

L Street Station To Process Parking Permits

This is in response to your letter dated November 7, 1995, regarding the possibility of having available to residents residential parking permit paperwork at the Special Operations Division, located at 2301 L Street, N.W.

Inspector Rodney D. Monroe, Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Division, has been in contact with Inspector Jacqueline Barnes, Commanding Officer of the Second District, regarding this matter. Efforts are underway to make residential parking permits available, and it is anticipated that this project will be on-line by January 1996.

Should you require further assistance regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Inspector Monroe on 727-4631 or Inspector Barnes on 282-0042.

Larry D. Soulsby
Chief of Police

This project follows a personal request made by FB resident Bob Charles to the Chief during the Mayor's Ward 2 Town Meeting. As we go to press, Bob reports that inquiries indicate the paperwork will be available sometime in February. Thanks, Bob.

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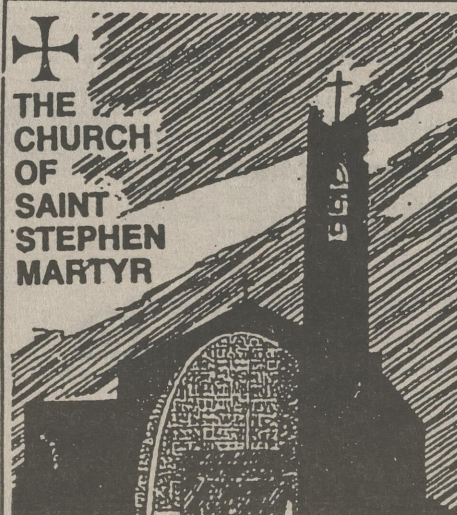


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